

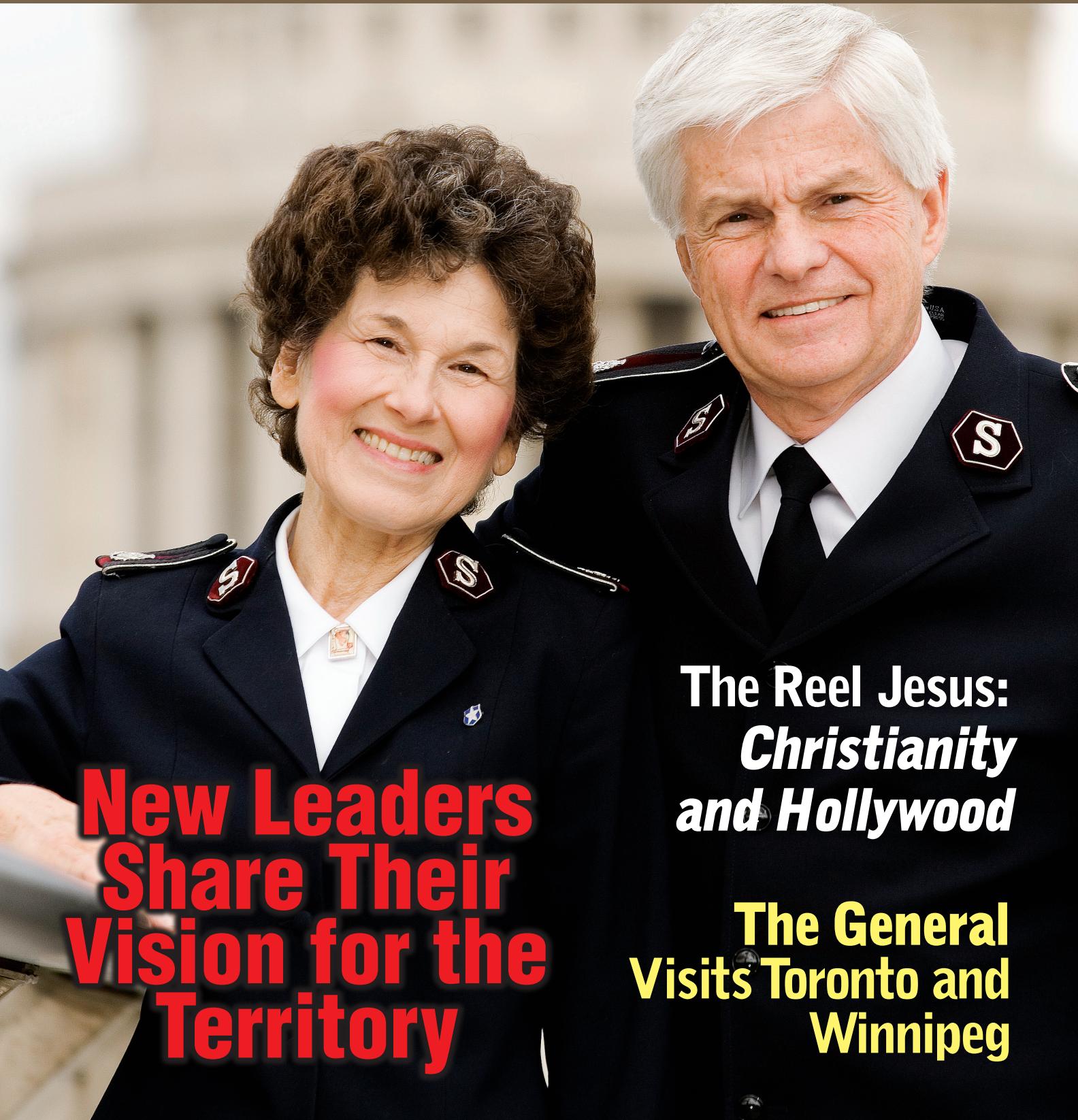
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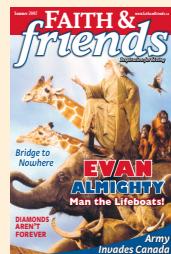
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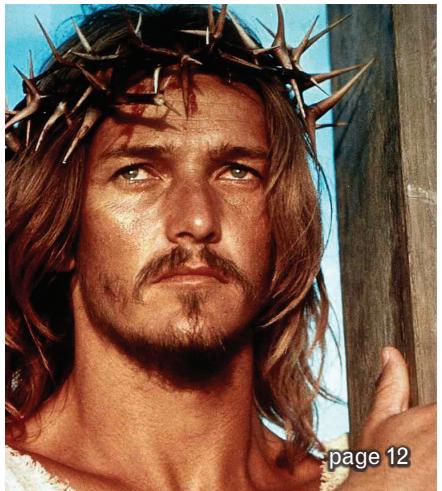
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Connecting With Our Culture

Not so many years ago, going to see a movie was considered worldly and even sinful by Salvationists and many other Christians. I well remember my own feelings of guilt at watching *Ben Hur* at the theatre, while at the same time thinking this was a great film with inspiring content. Those times seem so far away now. Movies have become common entertainment and are often inspirational for us today.

In an increasingly post-Christendom world, as we continue to look for ways to be salt and light and influence others for Christ, movies can provide meaningful cultural touch-points. The insights gleaned can help start conversations that will in turn lead to moments of deep spiritual significance. Admittedly there are movies without any redemptive value that can be destructive. Good judgment is required to steer clear of many of Hollywood's offerings.

Articles in this issue explore the opportunities that movies give us to build meaningful relationships with neighbours and workmates—to share faith, to explore our culture for more than surface values. We can follow the example of the Apostle Paul, who used a statue to an "unknown god" to communicate truth and bring new insight to his listeners in ancient Athens (see Acts 17:22-31). We need similar connection points in today's culture to share God's grace with others. Do some movies help you to make a connection personally? Are there other touch-points in our culture that you find helpful? Let us know.

This month we also welcome our new territorial leaders, Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis. If you can't be at their welcome meeting on July 12, you can watch it on Salvationist.ca. In a feature interview on page 4, they share something of their interests, personality and God's leading in their lives. We look forward to meeting them personally and experiencing their leadership in the days to come.

Ray Moulton

Lt-Colonel, Editor-in-Chief

Marching Forward

New territorial leaders
Commissioners William and
Marilyn Francis share
their vision for leadership



Photo: Paul Harmer

Salvationist: What is your God-given mission? What two or three things are most important to you as you seek to fulfil that mission?

Commissioner William Francis: As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I share with fellow believers a common mission. Jesus said to his followers in the Great Commission: “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). The only main verb in this statement is to make disciples, and that must be the central focus of my mission.

Coupled with the Great Commission is the Great Commandment: “Love your neighbour as yourself” (Mark 12:31). God calls me to proclaim the good news to individuals and to campaign for their well-being. John Wesley observed, “The gospel of Christ knows of no religion but social religion, no holiness but social holiness.” As a servant-leader, I am called to have a sensitive, discerning social conscience.

The aspect of servant-leadership that is most important to me is first to maintain a dynamic, ever-growing relationship with Christ. My daily prayer is that I never forget that I am a servant of the King of kings. If I lose sight of this, I fail not only myself, but those whom I have been entrusted to lead.

The second aspect of servant-leadership is to daily—indeed, every moment—define reality and seek the mind of Christ in every situation. I pray each day that God will help me to understand what “is” and give me the strength to accomplish what “can be.”

Commissioner Marilyn Francis: My heart's desire is to be at the centre of God's will. I want to share the love of Jesus Christ to all those I meet in the same manner as our Lord himself, keeping the focus of all that I do on Heaven, the home of all believers. Heaven for me started when I was seven years old. Ever since, I have longed to sing around the throne of the living God. Someday, with the angels, I will sing. Until then, I'll keep fighting in the “trenches” and by his grace strive to make a difference for the Kingdom of God.

How do you feel the Canada and Bermuda Territory “fits” within the larger international Salvation Army picture?

MF: The Canada and Bermuda Territory brings a unique “flavour” to the Americas and Caribbean Zone. Every time I had the joy of ministering in this great territory, the expression of love for God was intense and sincere. Especially dear were those times in Newfoundland and Labrador where vibrant Salvationists sang with gusto! The presence of the Holy Spirit during those meetings—from youth councils to congress and commissioning—was felt and we were all blessed with a fresh anointing.

Other precious moments include our visit to Belleville Citadel in April 2006, where we enjoyed a wonderful seder meal, sunrise service and Easter celebration. I must also mention those Canadians who have been part of the U.S.A. Eastern Territory’s Old Orchard Beach camp meetings. This territory also offers the Army world the finest in musical expression with the Canadian Staff Band. I’ll never forget the Festival of Gospel Song in 1985 when they included our son, Billy Francis, on the program.

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—Commissioner William Francis

In every way, this territory is a mighty force for God and for good through our arm of the Church, The Salvation Army.

WF: Canada and Bermuda has long been a flagship territory. As we have travelled, we have come to appreciate the high esteem in which the Canada and Bermuda Territory is held throughout the world. It remains a stalwart model of the Army’s motto “Heart to God and Hand to Man,” generously sharing its human and financial resources to advance the Kingdom and the Army internationally. Each of the Army’s 58 territories and commands continues to benefit from the generous support of Canada and Bermuda. We consider it an honour and privilege to serve and lead this extraordinary territory.

Describe two or three remarkable experiences over the course of your officership where you really felt God at work.

WF: Our days as corps officers in Danbury, Connecticut, were days of learning our utter dependence on God. We arrived at a corps that had been through difficult days and was facing closure. In addition to low attendance and lack of community support, the century-old building was literally falling down around us. But we give glory to God for changing apparent defeat into glorious victory. When we left five years later, God had provided a new building, full congregation and dynamic ministry throughout the city. The Lord taught us to depend on him and the power of his promise: “And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

We also witnessed God at work in our next appointments in divisional and territorial youth ministry. I could write a book about the lives of young people we have seen changed by the power of God. What a joy it is to now serve with soldiers, local officers, corps officers, divisional, territorial and international leaders who gave themselves fully to God while we were their youth leaders. We thank God for the privilege of being a part of the transformation God accomplished in each life.

MF: One of the most exciting opportunities where I knew God at work was the International Youth Congress in Macomb, Illinois, in 1985. Over 5,000 young people attended and were touched by a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Since that time, many have found their calling as officers. God truly worked “miracles” there.

In 1981, then-Commissioner Eva Burrows hosted an International Corps Cadet Congress in Scotland. I was appointed to lead our 10 delegates from the U.S.A. Eastern Territory. It was a joy beyond words to play the piano for the congress and teach a Bible study on the “armour of God” in Ephesians. The delegates from Norway invited me to dance with them every night. As I involved myself in their leisure activities, it provided a “bridge” to get involved in their prayer lives as well. I also remember how one night as I was accompanying a duet, both singers started weeping and sunk down on their knees. I continued to play *Let’s Look at Jesus* by Gowans and Larsson as the chairs were formed into a cross. The delegates started kneeling there, going to

others, crying for sanctification in their lives. As their “Scotland Mom” through the following years I have been in contact with them. It continues to be a blessing to know that some of the delegates became officers.

One experience I'll never forget was when I was invited to lead the songsters for the Holy Land Congress held in Israel in 1985. Our son had been attacked in February 1984 by a man wielding a hammer, which had done damage to his hands and head. I was going through a private pain that I could not discuss with anyone. The horror of this attack, concerns over my 11-year-old daughter, and the daily demands of Army ministry including running a territorial youth councils, all the while smiling through, made me feel “hollow” inside.

Israel became the stepping stone to my healing. In the Garden of Gethsemane, God assured me that he had been there through Billy's attack. Jesus healed my heart and took away the burden of wondering. I left Israel restored in my physical and mental being. Since that time, my husband and I have led 19 trips to Israel and seen others' lives changed there as well.

Share an interesting fact that makes you unique—something that people couldn't know simply from reading your official biographical profile.

WF: Now we come to the hard questions! I enjoy playing chess. Every situation is different—you must define reality and think of as many solutions as possible for every chess move, while always seeking one goal—the moment you can say, “Checkmate!” I guess it's something like being a territorial commander—with Satan as the opponent, of course!

The only other “secret” I share is one known only by family and my closest friends. I am passionate (some would say obsessed) about keeping records. Once I start to keep an account of anything, I never stop. For example, I have a record of every airplane trip (including the type of aircraft) that I have taken since my first trip as a teenager in 1959. I expect to add many more pages to my “little black book” during our tenure in Canada. (I only ask that this be kept a secret....)

MF: No one would know that I have four weaknesses: hotdogs, strawberries, ice cream and baseball. I can't wait to go to a Toronto Blue Jays game, especially when the Boston Red Sox are in town. In terms of

my career, opera was where I was headed until God called me to join The Salvation Army. Going from “a stage to the street corner” was never even a thought until Christ.

What would you identify as the top three priorities for Army ministry?

WF: 1) Keep your personal relationship with God active, strong and growing. The greatest need of those whom you serve is your holiness. 2) Keep your family relationships active, strong and growing. This applies equally to married and single individuals. Next to God, our positive relationship with family is essential. A happy home supports a joyful and productive ministry. 3) Keep a disciplined life. The heart of discipleship is discipline. I have never met an effective, undisciplined Christian.

Encouraging is primary to me. ... As a former schoolteacher I love to teach and help others grow

—Commissioner Marilyn Francis

MF: 1) Holiness of heart—reclaiming a strong emphasis on preaching and teaching holiness. 2) A renewed evangelical thrust—through our unique identification of being The Salvation Army, marching forward and witnessing through our uniforms and flags. 3) Youth ministry—reaching children early for Christ, increasing the junior soldier rolls and leading them through solid teaching to become uniformed adult soldiers and officers.

What do Salvationists in this territory need to know most about you?

WF: I do not come as a professional leader, but as a servant-leader, a fellow worker. God helping me, I will seek to provide biblical, visionary, enthusiastic leadership so that the Kingdom and the Army will grow. While seeking consensus, I will not lead by consensus. I am committed first and foremost to define reality. Then, with consultation and prayer, to set the goals

required to meet quantifiable objectives and, with God's help, achieve each objective in partnership with territorial and divisional leadership teams.

MF: They need to know I am here to serve them and love them unconditionally. They need to know that Jesus Christ is first in my life. They need to know that I have one goal (see Psalm 27:4). They need to know I will always be there for anyone who needs me. Just call!

How do you evaluate success in ministry?

WF: There is little in Scripture about success, but much about faithfulness. We all have experienced situations that at the time appear to be a failure, but which afterwards are confirmed as a success. Success or apparent failure is up to God. Faithfulness is our responsibility. Proverbs 3:5-6 underscores this truth: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

MF: Success is when I can lead someone to Christ or lead someone to obey the call of God. Success is when someone feels they can trust me and my judgment. Success is when God's saints are growing in love toward one another, when we all work together as a team and everyone is included. Success is when I see someone in pain relieved and that person being able to roll their burden onto Christ. Success is when everyone lives in peace and senses *shalom*. Success is building the Church of Jesus Christ and feeling sure that The Salvation Army will be fine as a result. We can leave the rest up to God!

When do you feel most personally connected with God?

WF: When I see him work through me, whether that is in the area of administration, preaching, teaching or witnessing. I am all too aware of my inadequacies, and when miracles take place through my ministry, I give all glory to my divine partner, God.

MF: When I am reading the living Word, and when Jesus comes and I hear Him in my head and heart speak my name.

If you had the chance to be any Bible character, who would you be and why?

WF: There are so many characters that I both admire and would like to emulate. But my choice would be the Apostle Paul. I admire his never-failing allegiance to Christ from his dramatic, life-changing conversion to his suffering and imprisonment for the gospel. In the face of unparalleled adversity, Paul remained steadfast and strong with the underlying declaration: "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13 NIV).

MF: Without a doubt I would want to be Mary, Jesus' mother. She was chosen, compliant and obedient. Like her, I want to please God. I also admire Mary, the sister of Martha, and Mary Magdalene, who loved Jesus above all else and knew the power of his forgiveness.

What recent books have you read and what did they teach you?

WF: I usually read two books at a time. One is what I refer to as my "airplane book," which is usually a larger volume of biography or history. I am presently half-way through the historical novel *London* by Edward Rutherfurd. I'm also reading my good friend Roger Green's insightful and remarkable *The Life and Ministry of William Booth*. This is the first biography of the Founder that explores the influence of John Wesley on his theology and organizational methods especially as it relates to the doctrine of sanctification and the emphasis on social action.

Keeping Connected

I'm just writing to let you know that we make good use of the Keep Connected promotional slides you send out each month. We incorporate them regularly in our PowerPoint presentation of announcements before and after our Sunday worship service. Thank you for creating them for us.

Cpt David Warford, Moose Jaw, Sask.

Rural Ministries

I was encouraged by your May issue of *Salvationist* and commend you for your focus on rural ministry. For some time I've been concerned for those who labour quietly in rural areas. In many places officers may not be there by choice but simply as a response of obedience. Hats off to those who have served well in this area. It is comforting to know that we are finding new ways to recreate ministry and keep our presence in these smaller communities. As divisional commander in the Maritimes, I heard far too often, "The Army

MF: Portions of *Red-hot and Righteous* by Diane Winston. There is never a time when one can be too "filled" and ready. There is always room for growth and development. God is constantly helping us as he makes and re-makes all of Creation (see Ephesians 2:6).

What is your favourite way to relax?

WF: Marilyn and I enjoy relaxing in similar ways—travelling, exploring historic sites, museums, art galleries and churches. In all of these places we try to connect with the hopes, dreams and struggles of past heroes and heroines. We also enjoy reading, as well as watching a good film.

How would you characterize your leadership style?

WF: My leadership style is to first define reality and then say "thank you." By this I mean that I must understand fully a situation before making a decision. At the same time, I must understand, respect and pay tribute to the previous administrations. Leaders must always appreciate and build on the good decisions of the past.

The next step is to seek and carefully consider as many opinions and options as possible, praying at all times for the mind of Christ in each matter. Finally—and often the most difficult step—is to act, to "put feet to our faith." As Eric Liddell put it, "It is not knowing but doing God's will that brings victory." May the Lord

used to be here." Enough is enough! Maybe it's time to introduce ourselves again in places where people are still neglected, impoverished and needing to hear the gospel.

Mjr Brian Peddle, Auckland, New Zealand

Booth College Anniversary

I've just read your report on the celebrations and activities at Booth College in April. Thank you for the context and visibility you provided through this article. The article nicely captured the college's transition within the framework of the legacy and the promise, and will serve to increase awareness among Salvationists throughout the territory and around the world.

*Dr. Marjory Kerr, Chair,
Booth College Board of Trustees*

The Simple Life?

I must write and tell you how disappointed I am with your May cover. While I understand the intent, my first thought was that

give us wisdom to know his will and the courage to do it!

Is there a specific biblical message that God is calling us to hear in these days?

MF: I believe God is calling us to pay more attention to Heaven—to be more heavenly minded so that we all are of some earthly good. We must live for others and not be so self-focused. This requires us to listen to God's voice. He is trying to get through to his world. We need to practise his presence.

WF: God is also calling The Salvation Army to remain faithful to his vision for his Army. While we must adapt to the age in which we minister, we must never forfeit the God-given, unique and effective ministry to which we have been called. We must remain a *Salvation Army*. Understanding the difference between *form*, which can and must change, and *essence*, which can never change, is the challenge of the day. The biblical foundation for facing this challenge is to hear afresh God's promise to Joshua: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). God will be with us as we forge ahead to the joint and mutual end of building the Kingdom and the Army throughout the Canada and Bermuda Territory. ☩

Letters



anyone not familiar with The Salvation Army would see the picture and say, "I don't want to be a part of an organization that makes you so unhappy." First impressions last for a long time. In these days when fewer people are answering God's call to full-time ministry, I feel this portrayal of soldiers does little to encourage one to give one's life to serving God in that capacity.

Ruth Doyon, Gander, N.L.

We anticipated that our May cover would provoke a reaction, but because the magazine is produced internally and designed for Salvationists, we hoped our readers would be "in" on the joke and that it wouldn't drive away or give a negative impression to others. We also hoped that the editorial and feature articles would help put the cover in context. That said, your point about first impressions is a good one and duly noted. — Editor

BLAST OF BRASS ROCKS Montreal



Despite the recent sale of their corps building, Montreal Citadel is alive and well. One evidence of the congregation's continued growth is Blast of Brass, a learner's band that meets each week under the direction of Gary Purcell and Marion Butler. Not just for young people, two thirds of the eclectic group are adult members.

Captain Ruth Gardner, former corps officer, writes, "They have been playing together as a group for about one year and are doing very well. The name Blast of Brass reflects the fact that this group has fun. They really do have a 'blast' every time they are together."

The group was thrilled to play with

of Brass members sat in among the staff band members to play the march *Montreal Citadel* in what was the last presentation of this old march in this historic building.

In addition to leading Sunday morning worship at Montreal Citadel, the CSB split into two other groups to visit Rosemount and South Shore Corps. Weekend meetings were led by Colonels Glen and Eleanor Shepherd, chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries, who were pleased to share in this important ministry.

For a full report of the CSB's weekend in Montreal, visit its website at Salvationist.ca/csb.

Canadian Books Benefit Philippino Cadets

More than 30 boxes of books have been sent from the Canada and Bermuda Territory to the Officer Training College in The Philippines. The books are from the former CFOT in St. John's, N.L., and will benefit cadets of the Heralds of the Good

News Session as they continue their second year of training.



Richmond Hill REACHES OUT

Richmond Hill Community Church, Ont., recently hosted a Children's Heart Project in partnership with the Christian relief agency Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse works in underprivileged countries and, through their Children's Heart Project, they identify children who need cardiac surgery that they cannot receive in their own countries. The Richmond Hill congregation welcomed a 12-year-old girl, Liridona, who came from war-torn Kosovo. Liridona needed to have a life saving cardiac procedure. Her interpreter, Flora, accompanied her and was also her legal guardian because Liridona's mother was ill and unable to travel.



Members of Richmond Hill CC with Liridona and Flora

"This little girl, from a Muslim background, came into our midst and into our hearts," explains Kimberley Morrison, co-ordinator of community and family services. "While in Canada, the group lived with a church family and was embraced by the entire congregation. We cared for them by providing a home, transportation, meals, clothing, personal items and hospitality. We prayed for Liridona as she entered the hospital and celebrated with her as she recovered. As we shared our lives, we learned about their culture, families and struggles."

On their last Sunday together, the entire congregation celebrated what God had done to restore Liridona's health. After she was discharged from hospital, she returned home to her parents who were thankful for this project that brought health and healing to their daughter. "As a church family," says Kimberley, "we are grateful for the opportunity to serve and reach out in a practical way. We pray that many in Liridona's community will hear about Jesus and how Christians in Canada showed love and compassion."

Quebec Delegates Find Inspiration

In March, a Design for Life weekend was held for the first time in the Quebec Division. Almost 40 delegates were present, representing nine nationalities. Because of this wonderful diversity, the



weekend was mostly conducted in French, although this was a second language for many present. God moved in a powerful way, bringing inspiration and confirmation to those who attended. Organized by Major June Carver, DYS, the

weekend featured guest leaders Majors David and Beverly Ivany, TYS and territorial candidates secretary, THQ, supported by divisional staff and local corps officers.

Delegates come together to seek God's will for their lives

Symphony of Service in Okanagan Valley



Mjr Judy Folkins, DCCMS, B.C. Div, and CCM member Louise Coate point out a display honouring CCM workers

Alberta Team Visits Jamaica

Eight Salvationists from Glenmore Temple, Calgary, visited Jamaica for a one-week mission trip in April. Much of their work was organized through Caribbean Lifetime Missions, a group that helps restore and rebuild schools, clinics and individual homes. The team painted a school, repaired two classrooms and renovated a home. Led by Michael Decker, the team also included Lindsay Decker, Faye Tronsgard, Randy Tronsgard, Joe



Bowser, Cheryl Bowser, Jean Agar and Wayne Agar.

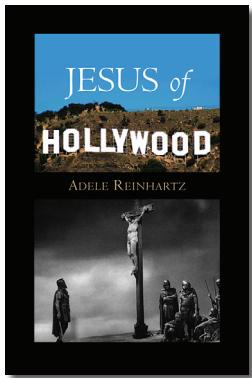
Did you know ...

... four students from The War College in Vancouver attended divisional youth councils in Chicago in May? Ian Smith, Matt Armstrong, Nicole Brindel and Jenea Gomez interacted with more than 450 delegates as they shared in ministry

... Laurie Read, a soldier of Heritage Park, Winnipeg, was one of 10 women honoured at this year's YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Awards? As manager of both the Grace Hospice and the active outpatient clinic at Winnipeg Grace General Hospital, Laurie was recognized for her sensitivity in

helping patients and their families cope with long-term illnesses
... residents of Brampton, Ont., can enjoy a free concert of inspirational music every Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm in Gage Park? Presented by Inspirational Impressions, a non-profit organization, the family-friendly series features a variety of artists and musical styles, along with light refreshments. For further information, visit www.inspirationalmusic.org
... Mount Moriah Corps, N.L.W. Div, recently celebrated its 30th anniversary?
... Hamilton CFS/suicide prevention services now has its own website?

Check it out at www.sahelphamilton.ca ... the editorial department won seven awards at this year's 50th anniversary Canadian Church Press banquet, recognizing its work in 2006? *Salvationist* won first place for general excellence and the monthly column Just Between Us, and third place for the photo spread Fun in the Sun (August). *Faith & Friends* received first-place recognition for the photo spread Unstill Life (October), second place for media reviews in May, September and October issues, and third place for the design of Hick or Hero? (October) and for general excellence



THE REEL JESUS

When it comes to depicting the King of kings on celluloid, a recent book, *Jesus of Hollywood* by Adele Reinhartz, gives film-makers a failing grade

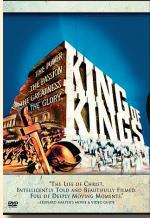
by Doug Field



King of Kings (Nicholas Ray, 1961)

This movie was jokingly nicknamed "I Was a Teenage Jesus," in reference to the young teen-idolish star Jeffrey Hunter and a director who

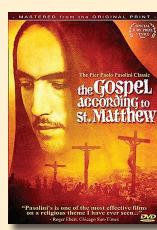
specialized in adolescent angst in films such as *Rebel Without a Cause*. It down-plays supernatural aspects and positions Christ as a prophet of non-violence.



The Gospel According to St. Matthew (Pier Paolo Pasolini, 1964)

Shot in the neo-realistic style with amateur actors, minimalist production values, improvisational direction and choppy editing, the

film feels both authentic and mysterious. Although the low-tech style can be distracting, the method presents a haunting Christ who infuses a social gospel with moments of transcendence.



The Greatest Story Ever Told (George Stevens, 1965)

Big budget, big stars, big mess. An overblown, unimaginably ponderous telling of Jesus' life. Max Von Sydow's Christ is humourless, distant,

preachy and monotonous. This film is notorious for its celebrity cameos: Charlton Heston as mad prophet John the Baptist and John Wayne as the centurion.





Maybe we shouldn't be surprised that Jesus Christ is the most popular historical subject of the movies, going all the way back to the beginning of motion pictures with an 1898 silent film, *The Passion Play at Oberammergau*, and up to Mel Gibson's bloody *The Passion of the Christ* in 2004. In the intervening 106 years, Jesus "biopics" have come to the screen with variable frequency and even more variable regard for the events recorded in the canonical Gospels, and what might be reasonably assumed in the gaps left by the Gospels.

In her new book, *Jesus of Hollywood*, Canadian academic Adele Reinhartz says that although Jesus has been popular with Hollywood, he is almost never depicted with accuracy. When asked directly, she said, "In their desire to be either iconoclastic or pious, the films fail to portray a Jesus who is truly compelling. They make it difficult to understand why Jesus would have been such a compelling figure in his own lifetime, and why people should continue to find him so, many centuries later."

Professor Reinhartz is associate vice-president for research at the University of Ottawa, and a professor in the classics and religious studies department. She has a previous book, *Scripture on the Silver Screen* (2003), and numerous magazine pieces and lectures on the topic.

BRINGING JESUS TO THE BIG SCREEN

Reinhartz says it is a rule of the biopic that its subject be someone who, at the end of the movie, has achieved an evi-

dent and epochal change in the society or situation in which he or she has lived. In purely historical terms, at the end of his earthly ministry, Christ hadn't done this. "Causality" is essential in these films—the subject did or said something to cause the historic events that followed. In the time frame usually covered by films about Christ, that didn't happen. He was crucified, his followers had betrayed him or scattered, and the Jews were still under Roman rule.

The epochal change he wrought became evident only in the decades and centuries following his death and resurrection. Thus, in movie terms, Reinhartz argues, his earthly life story can never be brought to the screen satisfactorily.

To give a faux authenticity to their films, some directors have used the device of a scrolling text or a stentorian voice-over at the beginning of a film (e.g. Orson Welles in Nicholas Ray's *King of Kings*, 1961) to assure the audience that what they are about to see is scripturally and historically accurate. It never is, even though the late Pope John Paul II is reputed to have said of Gibson's film, "It is as it was." Had he even seen the film? We might never know.

The plight of Palestinian Jews in the first century provides the movie-maker with a classic scenario of political tension—a sullen, conquered people under the heel of the occupying army, in this case Imperial Rome. To be fully successful in Hollywood terms, Jesus would have led an armed revolt against Rome. But that didn't happen, and some films even go so far as to use his words to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor: "My Kingdom is not of this world." The perfect *denouement* is denied the screen writer.

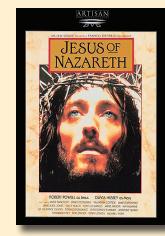
Jesus Christ Superstar (Norman Jewison, 1973)

The peace, love and brotherhood of 1960s culture comes alive in this musical, which was released in the same year as *Godspell* (David Greene). Complete with flower children disciples and a rock 'n' roll Jesus, this story emphasized idealistic youth railing against the Establishment.



Jesus of Nazareth (Franco Zeffirelli, 1977)

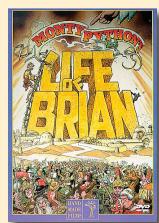
This made-for-TV mini-series emphasized Christ's (Robert Powell) divinity and piety. Yet this Jesus was also given to laughter and



spirited storytelling, and a charisma that made it understandable why people would be drawn to him.

Monty Python's Life of Brian (Terry Jones, 1979)

Technically this film is not about Jesus, but a poor sap named Brian who gets mistaken for the Messiah. Despite his best efforts, Brian can -



not rid himself of the adoring crowds who mindlessly follow him. With irreverent humour, the Python comedy troupe created a parable about the importance of thinking for oneself.

AIMING FOR ACCURACY

The gaps in the Jesus story as told in the Gospels pose narrative problems for filmmakers. For instance, we know little of his childhood. As Adele Reinhartz writes, "The Gospels are silent on his emotional ties, even with his mother or closest followers." Jesus' life didn't consist only of teaching and miracles. What went on during those treks between Galilean villages? In strict literary terms, some character development would have helped. There is little on which to construct a "back story." It is how those gaps are filled by screenwriters where problems occur. (By comparison, much is known about Mohammed, founder of Islam. Colourful though his life was, he is not the subject of films because

Below: The *Jesus* film has been translated into over 660 languages; below right and opposite page: Henry Ian Cusack as Jesus in *The Gospel According to John*, a "word for word" adaptation

Muslims consider it blasphemous to make any image of him.)

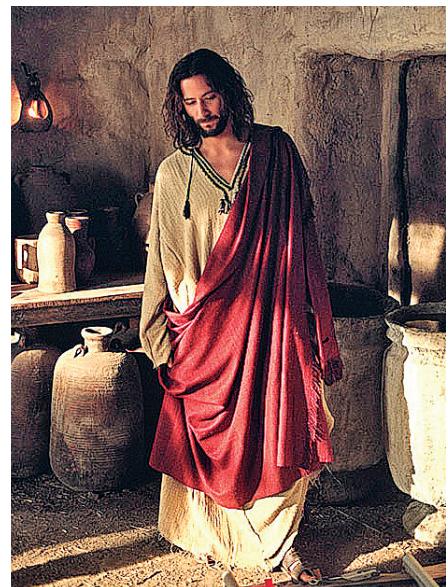
The physical representation of Christ has sometimes been almost laughable in its inaccuracy, because Hollywood has been reluctant to represent Jesus for what he was—a Palestinian Jew—likely with the physical features and build of most men of that place at that time in history. The Jesus of teen heart-throb Jeffrey Hunter in the aforementioned *King of Kings* was

perhaps one of the most outrageous, with a Christ figure totally devoid of body hair. A brown-haired, blue-eyed Jesus is pretty much the standard Hollywood casting decision. (Even Mel Gibson digitally altered Jim Caviezel's blue eyes in the editing stage.)

The Jesus of the screen is often so lacking in human attributes as to be totally unbelievable. Gentle Jesus is the character most often on view, even though the Gospels present a forthright, sometimes angry and confrontational Jesus, who went on a rampage in the temple precinct. According to the New Testament, he was also capable of a verbal thrust and parry with the legalists who tried to trap him into saying something seditious of Roman rule. He was tried and crucified not because he challenged Rome, but because he challenged the hereditary and corrupt leadership of the Jewish temple.

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Jesus

(John Krish and Peter Sykes, 1979)

Dubbed in 660 languages (with more on the way), this Campus Crusade outreach project has had over 5 billion total viewers, with more

than 176 million commitments to Christ as a result. It is the most viewed, and most translated, motion picture of all time.

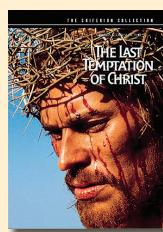


The Last Temptation of Christ

(Martin Scorsese, 1988)

Generating howls of protest from Christians when it was released, this film uses the Gospel accounts to explore author Nikos Kazantzakis'

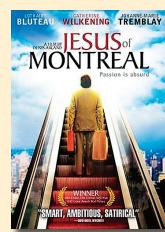
preoccupation with the conflict between flesh and spirit. The climax depicts Christ's "last temptation" on the cross to reject his calling and live a normal earthly life.



Jesus of Montreal

(Denys Arcand, 1989)

Jesus of Montreal features a small theatrical troupe who stage a unique take on the traditional Passion Play held annually at a local shrine. The lines between fact and fiction begin to blur as the actors gradually begin to embody the characters they portray.

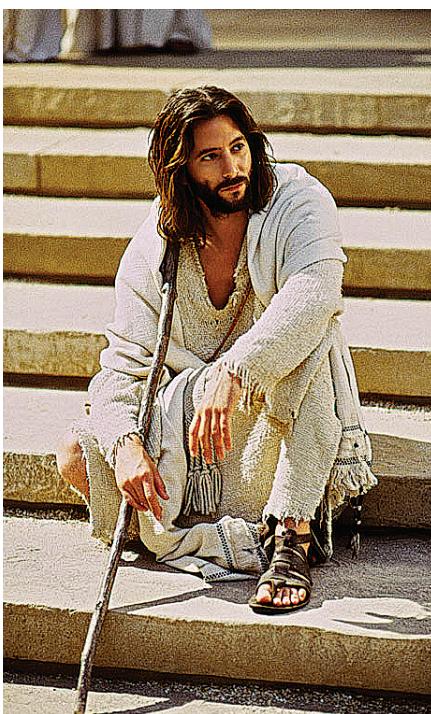


divinity or a kind of squeamishness, very few films have given us a “full frontal” Jesus on the cross. Often we see him from behind, or see outstretched arms or hear only his voice. Let’s face it, bringing Christ to the screen is problematic and, some might say, should never be attempted.

CHANGING WITH THE TIMES

Also troubling author Adele Reinhartz is an undercurrent of anti-Semitism in these films, particularly during the Passion. This might be nothing more than a reflection of the times in which the movies were made when, in some societies (e.g. the United States and Britain in the 1920s and ’30s), it wasn’t socially taboo to be anti-Semitic. Post-Holocaust a shift can be detected, but even Mel Gibson’s *The Passion of the Christ* was judged anti-Semitic by some and caused much media chatter when it was released. This perceived anti-Jewish stream is strange considering that as long as the Hollywood “studio system” was in place, many studios were headed by Jewish émigrés from central Europe, and many screenwriters were Jewish. (This aspect of Hollywood moviemaking is covered extensively in the film *Hollywoodism*.)

Overall, Jesus biopics have not made for distinguished cinema, even though several have received critical approval. The 1989 Canadian film *Jesus of Montréal* by Denys Arcand received the Grand Prize at that year’s Cannes Film Festival, as well as 12 Genies, the Canadian equivalent of the Oscars. Martin Scorsese received a best director Oscar nomination for his controversial 1988 film, *The Last Temptation of Christ*, but lost to Barry Levinson for *Rain Man*. Canadian director Norman Jewison’s film of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s *Jesus Christ Superstar* was widely appreci-



ated but didn’t garner any prizes. Most of the other films simply weren’t very good, nor did most have pretensions beyond the desire to entertain within the tried and true Hollywood formula for “sand and sandals” epics.

GROUNDED IN REALITY

Christians looking for factual information and anything beyond shallow inspiration would be advised to look elsewhere. We live in a time of unprecedented and accessible biblical scholarship. This can help us read between the lines of Scripture, give us a social, religious and political context with which to read the Bible, and make faith something grounded in the gritty reality of the world in which Christ lived. By comparison, most Jesus movies are little better

than the average wide-screen western, with metaphoric white hats on the good guys and black hats on the villains.

Palestine was a dusty backwater of the Roman Empire. The soldiers in this unpopular outpost were little better than mercenaries; they certainly weren’t Rome’s elite. The Jewish people were being sold out by their own temple leadership, who were concerned that worship be “by the numbers” and that the Romans be placated. (Jesus threatened this delicate balancing act.) Their royal family was illegitimate in every sense and, while nominally Jewish, kept statues of Roman gods to appease their political masters. They were splendid apostate puppets, while their people shouldered the burden of Rome’s rough justice.

This is the world into which Christ came; it is inferred from the Gospels and can be teased from what we now know of life in Roman Palestine at the time of Christ, most of it gleaned from non-canonical historical sources.

There is no reason to believe that Hollywood’s fascination with Christ has ended, and it is only a matter of time until other films come along. We can only hope that future productions have the courage to represent Christ, his teachings and his world for what we know they were. Meanwhile, Reinhartz’s *Jesus of Hollywood* provides an engrossing and informative survey of how he has been portrayed since film’s early days. ☈

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The Miracle Maker

(Derek W. Hayes and Stanislav Sokolov, 2000)

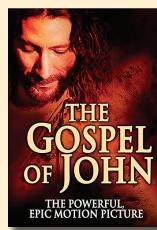
Using traditional animation and puppet-style claymation, this children’s favourite revolves around the story of Jairus, the ruler of a synagogue, and his young daughter, Tamar, who is changed by her encounter with Christ.



The Gospel of John

(Philip Saville, 2003)

Produced by Visual Bible International, Inc., this film is presented “word for word” from the text of the Gospel of John. British actor

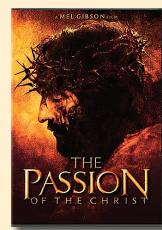


Henry Ian Cusack plays a down-to-earth, conventional Jesus, although the literal translation (with its onerous narration) makes it hard to engage emotionally with the film.

The Passion of the Christ

(Mel Gibson, 2004)

It is the most revered and reviled of Jesus films (or any film for that matter). Focusing on the events leading up to the crucifixion, the film deeply divided critics for its hyper-violent Passion and purported anti-Semitism.



Jim Caviezel’s performance as Christ is riveting, but somewhat obscured by all the bloodshed.

ARE YOUR SPIDEY SENSES TINGLING?

For the theologically astute, there's more to Hollywood blockbusters than just eye candy

by Cadet Peter Lublink

College for Officer Training

Think carefully about the last movie you saw. What drove you to watch it? Was it a passionate love story, an explosive action movie, a nail-biting courtroom drama? Now take a step back. Instead of considering the obvious commercial draws of summer blockbusters, think about what impact the movie had on you and what it had to say about life. Were there underlying themes of redemption and grace? Did the hero learn something profound? Was the ending hopeful or discouraging?

While movie-going still makes some Christians uncomfortable, many popular movies have benefited from biblical themes. In C.S. Lewis' *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the conflict between the lion Aslan and the White Witch mirrors the spiritual battle between Christ and the devil. In *Superman Returns*, the world turns to a Saviour from another world. In *The Matrix*, the hero, Neo, discovers an alternate dimension of reality that forces him to re-evaluate everything he sees and does. Despite Hollywood's superficiality, theological themes can be extracted from many films if we take the time to look more closely at plot and characterization.

Although admittedly some Hollywood movies are sexually explicit, violent or vulgar, rejecting them on moral criteria alone may cause us to miss their greater value. By looking through a "Christian lens," we may discover that many films contain moments of forgiveness, spiritual



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searching, hope, self-examination, repentance and redemption.

Of course, there are limits. As Christians, we cannot completely abandon our morals. We must use sound judgement in evaluating films and be careful that we do not fill our minds with harmful influences. Violence or sexual content should never be gratuitous, but must serve a greater purpose. Consider how many Christians endured the extreme violence of Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* because they knew how the story would end.

Spider-man 3, released May 4, is an example of how theological themes can surface, even in movies that are largely special effects-driven. The third installment of this action-packed trilogy sees Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire) finally gain some balance in his life between saving the world and spending time with Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst), his long-time crush. But alas, the balance only lasts for so long.

Peter Parker's traditional red and blue spider suit has morphed into a sinister, jet-black version that enhances his powers. Under the influence of the new suit, however, Peter becomes agitated, vengeful and egotistical, neglecting the people who care about him the most. Forced to choose between the seductive power of the new suit and the compassionate hero he

used to be, Peter must overcome his personal demons even as he faces two feared super-villains, Sandman (Thomas Haden Church) and Venom (Topher Grace).

At their heart, the Spider-man movies are about the struggle between power and responsibility. Through his trials and mistakes, Peter learns what it means to overcome his own lust for power and put other people's needs ahead of his own. It's a genuine struggle that mirrors our own anxieties, hopes and fears. While it's easy to get caught up in the action, suspense and intrigue, we must also pay close attention to those moments of redemption.

While the entertainment may not be explicitly Christian, movies can give you a marvellous avenue for discussing the ultimate story of redemption and grace. Regardless of what type of movie you prefer—comedy, drama or action—be a discerning viewer. Consider what greater value a movie might hold. Consider those moments that speak of true forgiveness and compassion. Consider the underlying themes of faith and redemption that so closely mirror our experience with God. Then seize the opportunity to start a spiritual conversation with your friends. God has something to say to this generation. His light can still illuminate our minds and hearts, even in the darkness of a movie theatre. 

Toronto Welcomes International Leaders

General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton stress the importance of personal Christian growth and leading others to Jesus

by Major Ken Smith, Associate Editor, Salvationist

On Wednesday, April 25, a large group of officers and employees gathered at territorial headquarters in Toronto to welcome General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton on their first official visit to the Canada and Bermuda Territory. Following introductions and a prayer by Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, territorial commander, both Commissioner Clifton and the General brought greetings to the assembled staff before meeting privately with members of the territorial Cabinet. The occasion marked the beginning of a five-day visit to Toronto and Winnipeg in which the international leaders would have ample opportunity to meet Canadian Salvationists.

Thursday morning began with a prayer breakfast attended by Salvationists and friends of the Army, including many advisory board members, business executives, government and religious leaders. Taking the theme Compassion Unleashed, the occasion also marked the celebration of 125 years of Salvation Army ministry in Canada. Basing his remarks on John 21, the story of Christ's post-resurrection breakfast with his disciples, the General spoke about the intimacy that sharing a

meal brings. He challenged his listeners to not be afraid of entering into this kind of intimate relationship with Jesus as they minister to others in his name.

The afternoon officers' councils, led by the territorial commander and Colonel Glen Shepherd, chief secretary, provided a rich time of fellowship and spiritual inspiration. In his message from 2 Timothy 4, the General encouraged his officer colleagues, with whom he identified as fellow leaders, to stand true to their mutual calling. Taking his text from Paul's words in verse 17—"The Lord stood at my side and gave me strength"—he urged them to claim Christ's presence during the challenging days of their own ministry.

In the evening, a large congregation of Salvationists and friends gathered at Bayview Glen Church to greet the international leaders and be inspired by their message. Following a prelude by the Canadian Staff Band and Ontario Central Divisional Youth Chorus, the General and Commissioner Helen Clifton marched in from the back of the auditorium to receive a warm welcome. The meeting was a wonderfully rich and diverse expression of Army ministry and included participation by Salvationists from various ethnic backgrounds, representing the multicultural



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Nothing else matters"*

— General Shaw Clifton

mosaic that is Toronto. A member of the youth chorus, Will Currie, shared how happy he was to be a Christian and how God was helping him to be a witness to his unsaved family.

Commissioner Helen Clifton cited the example of how her parents had been invited to the Army as children and how that led to their acceptance of Christ in their young lives. She encouraged those present never to forget the importance of personal invitations. Picking up on that same theme in his message, the General emphasized the importance of the mercy seat and encouraged his listeners to follow the example of Andrew in bringing others to Jesus. "We must never forget that we are a *Salvation Army*," he commented. "The souls of people are our top-most priority. Nothing else matters." A large response then followed as many came forward to kneel in dedication. The meeting ended on a note of praise and celebration as people rose to affirm their united testimony in song: "Glory, glory, hallelujah, he reigns!" S

Photos: Timothy Cheng



Enthusiastic celebration at Bayview Glen Church



The 2007
graduating
class

A Legacy and a Promise



William and Catherine
Booth College
celebrates 25 years of
mission and ministry

by Lt-Colonel Ray Moulton
Editor-in-Chief

On the weekend of April 27-29, William and Catherine Booth College celebrated 25 years of God's faithfulness in keeping them true to the vision of a unique Salvation Army institution for higher learning. Over the years, God has led the college faculty and trustees to an ever widening and deepening vision, so that today, after a relatively short life span, the college has achieved a rich legacy.

Since it opened in 1982 as Catherine Booth Bible College, students from 40 countries around the world have graduated, including representatives from every continent. Certificate and degree programs have grown to match the needs of students preparing for Salvation Army ministry. The college has expanded from a local three-story building in Winnipeg, with most students living in residence, to a multi-facility campus with an international reach. This past year there were 150 students studying in Winnipeg and another 700 throughout the world registered in courses through distance education. At first the college was a stand-alone, fledgling

institution. It has now partnered with various Army territories for the education of its cadets and officers, is affiliated with the oldest university in western Canada—the University of Manitoba—and is in partnership with the Winnipeg Theological Co-operative based out of the University of Winnipeg.

International Impact

This year's graduating class featured five students receiving certificates in either chaplaincy/spiritual care or Christian studies. Seventeen graduated with a BA in Bible and theology, Christian ministries, youth and family studies, social and behavioral sciences or Christian studies. A further 13 graduated with a bachelor of social work, which has become the most sought-after field of study. In recent years the social-work program has attracted a growing number of students from other Christian communities to prepare themselves for ministry to the poor and disadvantaged.

Most of the graduates are from Canada. However, included in the class of 2007 were students from the United States,

Haiti, India, the Ukraine and Zimbabwe. The international students continue to add a rich dimension for all students studying in Winnipeg.

On hand for this year's celebrations were The Salvation Army's international leaders, General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton, supported by Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, territorial commander, and Colonels Glen and Eleanor Shepherd, chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries.

In his address, the General explored the parallels between the education and graduation of Booth College students and the act of first-century church leaders in selecting seven men to "serve tables" (see Acts 6:1-15). The qualification of those early believers is just as applicable to the new graduates. They are to be of good repute, full of the Holy Spirit, seeking the full wisdom of God, having no salary, yet reaping immeasurable rewards. That first-century graduation ceremony included a process to select those with the necessary qualifications. They were affirmed by the church and appointed to their work of service. In the same way, today's graduates

of the Army's God-given mandate and expressed appreciation to those who faithfully support and encourage its ministry.

The celebration continued on Saturday evening at Southlands Community Church, where a packed hall of Salvationists enthusiastically honoured the college's many achievements. Present faculty and students, as well as those from the college's first year of existence, shared their memories of those early days. Video clips showed the changing hairstyles of those continuing to give leadership to the college. The General spoke of the centrality of the mercy seat in our theology and practice as a church raised up by God.

New President Installed

The Sunday morning baccalaureate service has become a tradition with the college, where the graduands are challenged and affirmed in the studies and spiritual development they have achieved thus far. General Clifton led them to think of where they might be in 20 years, trusting that their decisions and preparation to this point would find them fully engaged in service to others.

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have met the rigorous criteria of the college, are affirmed and encouraged by the assembled congregation, and sent out to use their skill, knowledge and dedication in service to their communities.

Anniversary Banquet

Weekend events included a 25th anniversary banquet for several hundred Winnipeg citizens. This evening was highlighted by General Clifton presenting the Order of Distinguished Auxiliary Service to Dr. William Norrie. It was noted that the Army does not give this award often and Dr. Norrie is a worthy recipient. A long and valued friend of The Salvation Army in Winnipeg, Dr. Norrie worked diligently during his term as mayor to help the Army procure various properties from which it continues to serve today. Included are the current site of Booth College and the auxiliary building hosting the college library and the new College for Officer Training.

The General had the rapt attention of the audience as he spoke of the Army's advancements worldwide into additional and challenging countries. He spoke clearly

A particularly moving moment was the installation of Dr. Donald Burke as the college's fourth president. An integral leader and faculty member of the college since its inception, Dr. Burke responded with clarity and ready acceptance to the challenge given by the territorial commander. Deeply aware of the college's legacy, he confirmed his commitment to deepen and extend its influence as a global centre for excellence in education and training Salvationists of the future. 

Dr. Donald E. Burke is installed as the new president of Booth College by Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, TC.
Also pictured, from left, are Dr. Marjory Kerr, chair, board of trustees; Colonel Glen Shepherd, CS; Dr. Jonathan Dyck, academic dean



Former students and faculty share a happy moment during the alumni reunion



General Shaw Clifton presents Dr. William Norrie with the Order of Distinguished Auxiliary Service



Thirty students received their degrees during graduation exercises at Knox United Church



Joining Hands in Ministry

Canadian mission team works with local Salvationists to spread God's love in Mexico City

by Lt-Colonel Margaret Hiscock, Territorial Co-ordinator for Women's Ministries, THQ

Amission trip is "an experience"—filled with indescribable sights, sounds, thoughts, feelings and rich blessings. From February 18 to March 4, women from Canada and Bermuda embarked on a two-week visit to Mexico to come alongside and "join hands" with officers and lay Salvationists in the greater Mexico City area. The 10-member team was selected from women applicants across Canada and Bermuda.

Approximately seven corps are located in the greater Mexico City area. We were able to connect with five of them. Corps No. 1 is the main corps in the Capital Division. It is part of a huge corner building that also houses the men's hostel (La Esperanza) where we stayed. This area is the second most dangerous in all of Mexico City, but thanks to many prayers on our behalf, the Lord's protection and the excellent care given by our hosts, we stayed safe.

Corps Ministries

We spent almost three days at Corps No. 1, where we provided funds and "hands" to plaster and paint the nursery in the child-care centre and refinish tables in the other classroom and dining room. We worshipped and participated in the Sunday

morning service, and met with women at their weekly meeting on Monday. Mexicans, generally very artistic and creative, are often taught arts and crafts by professional artists. Their work is then sold to supplement their families' incomes.

Almost two hours from Mexico City is Xochitepec, where the corps opened less than five years ago. When the newly commissioned officer couple and infant son arrived, they were guided to a piece of property that had been donated to the Army. They found buildings infested with rats, bats and insects. The grounds were a literal jungle, with knee-high garbage both indoors and outdoors. There was a general state of disrepair and, with limited electrical capacity, the inside was dark and dingy.

Today, the grounds and buildings are among the most attractive pieces of property we visited. It is a centre of worship, has a noon feeding program for children, Sunday school, children's programs, community care, home league and a classroom for adult literacy, where the government pays for the teacher's salary and materials.

There is a link between Xochitepec Corps and Canada. A team from Western Canada helped with the initial clean-up and electrical wiring in the early days of its transformation. Their names are

etched in a cement plaque set in the neatly kept grounds. Double stainless-steel sinks in the officers' quarters are a constant reminder of the kindness and generosity of the missionary group at Winnipeg East Community Church.

Another corps, San Juan Ixhuatepec, has a tutoring program with a full-time teacher and helpers as they are available. Only children who have failed a course or grade in school are able to belong. This corps also provides a classroom and teacher for a computer lab, while the government supplies the equipment.

Mexico City Corps No. 2 is officered by a single woman and has a unique ministry to families of hospital patients. Due to limited visiting hours, long distances to travel and the critical condition of some of the patients, family members wait outside the hospital entrance. Each week, a dozen or more Salvationists bring coffee and sandwiches. There's lively singing, a short and passionate Bible message and prayer for them as a group. As the food is distributed, volunteers move quietly among the people, offering prayer and words of encouragement.

Children's Homes

There are 19 children's homes throughout Mexico. Our team visited three of them.





Ministry Team: Back row, from left, Pat Lewis, Kingston Citadel, Ont.; Cpt Sherri Williams, DYS, Man. & NW Ont. Div; Mjr Karen Hoeft, CO, Weston CC, Winnipeg; Debbie Clarke, Heritage Park, Winnipeg; Sandy Diaz-Hart, Penticton, B.C. Front row, from left, Cpts Juan/Erika Morjarás with daughter, Paola; Sharon Hann, North York Temple, Toronto; Cpt Marlene Sandoval, CO, Fort Francis, Ont.; Cathi van der Eyken, Harbour Light, Toronto; Lt-Col Marilyn St-Onge, then DDWM, Quebec Div; Lt-Col Margaret Hiscock, TCWM, THQ women's ministries

We spent two days in the Mexico City Children's Home, which houses approximately 65 children. We ministered to the children through games and crafts, teaching "signing," creative dance for worship, and timbrels. The small staff provides "around the clock" supervision. Some of the children attend school in the morning, others go in the afternoon. They have a daily schedule of chores, supervised homework, devotions, free and organized play. It was encouraging to meet officers and a retired nurse who had grown up there.

The staff at Camp Woodlands, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Division, sponsor a child at this home. Captain Sherri Williams, the divisional youth secretary, and Debbie Clarke, the hospitality supervisor and former camp program director, were on our team. It was an exciting day when they met Guadalupe for the first time!

Our visits to the other two homes at Puebla and Cuernavaca were short, but we were able to greet the children, share a treat, an object lesson and some singing. At each of the homes, as well as the Corps No. 1 child-care centre, we left educational and craft resources provided by the team members, and blankets, towels and linens made available by generous Canadian businesses and friends.

Feeding Programs

We found various feeding programs were dependent on location and resources available. Both Corps No. 3 and Xochitpec have lunch feeding programs for school-age children and younger. Officers and volunteers provide a hot meal for children

whose parent work or are unable to provide adequately for their needs.

El Arbolillo Corps services needy people in a nearby town. When resources are available, sandwiches, beverages and clothing are provided from a roadside stand. Words of encouragement are offered through Scripture, prayer and song.

Corps No. 5 is run by a young woman officer whose husband is completing his training. On Saturday evenings, with help from their corps members (including children), they travel by subway to the night life of the inner city, carrying with them a

What impressed us most was the dedication of Mexican officers whose resources are very limited. Nothing stops them from reaching out to those with even less

huge thermos of coffee, Styrofoam cups and bags of individually wrapped sandwiches. We walked with them for several blocks, handing out food to anyone who looked in need and accepted the offer. We met people walking, others lying sick or drunk in a park, prostitutes on the street corners and homeless people sitting with their few possessions in a bag beside them. At one point, we stopped to sing, pray and share a brief Bible message. One elderly street woman wept continuously over her situation, as she had no one to

care for her and no other place to go. We listened and prayed for her, wishing we could do more.

The Mexico City Children's Home also operates a feeding program. The residence regularly receives day-old breads and pastries from a local store. Once a week, after the home's needs are met, the staff prepare grocery-sized bags of these goodies to distribute to poverty-stricken families nearby. Along a former railway line are whole families living in small shelters of whatever material is available. When the van from the children's home arrives, young boys run in either direction to announce that there is bread. Slowly they appear: young mothers, older women, fathers and children. All receive the food gratefully, along with a warm smile, a few words and some Army literature.

This is just an overview of the ministry opportunities we shared. What impressed us most was the dedication and commitment of the officers whose accommodations and corps facilities are relatively humble and whose resources are very limited. Nothing stops them from reaching out to those with even less and sharing what they have.

I was challenged as to how we in Canada and Bermuda, as Mexico's "partner in mission," could be more supportive. The children's homes desperately need sponsorship support to provide education, clothing, food and staff for the hundreds of children depending on the Army's ministry and there are many small projects that could be taken on by ministry units in our territory. **S**

To sponsor a child in Mexico, contact Major Sylvia Burt, director of sponsorships, at 416-422-6164 (sylvia_burt@can.salvationarmy.org). For more information on supporting small projects (feeding programs, education, basic equipment), contact the women's ministries department at 416-422-6186 or the world missions office at 416-422-6212.

Fuel = Community

Building community through technology

by Clint Houlbrook, editor, *SendTheFire.ca*

Fuel is required for fire to ignite, spread and burn with intensity. Without good fuel, the fire won't ignite or will go out. The same is true of our spiritual journey. At *SendTheFire.ca*, the territory's youth website, fuel equals community.

We're encouraging our younger generation to surround themselves with and get connected to people who care about their well-being. In short, we're helping ignite their passion for mission.

One of the ways we're making this happen is through the use of technology—computers and the Internet.

Community Online

Society is changing rapidly. Technology has altered the way we connect with one another and build community. Sending letters and making phone calls has given way to e-mail, MSN and Facebook.

This need for connection and community becomes all the more important during a time when restructuring is taking place in The Salvation Army. Divisions are amalgamating, resulting in the downsizing of divisional youth staff and the loss of some Army camps. This sets the stage for young people to feel disconnected.

In addition, less than 15 percent of our 350 corps have a committed point person connecting with 13-25-year-olds. This presents an excellent opportunity for all Salvationists to step in to meet this newly intensified need for community, connection and belonging.

MSN

Love it or hate it, online communication is here to stay. Many Canadian households own computers and are connected to the Internet. Youth who don't have computers at home will jump online at school, the

library or a friend's place. These youth are connecting and chatting with friends and making new ones over the Internet. They are quite adept at this online interaction and are capable of conversa-

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tion multitasking—using multiple chat windows at one time. At *SendTheFire.ca*, we don't think there is any easier way to connect the youth of our territory than this. We log on to MSN for conversation with them daily (Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30 p.m. EDT), encouraging them in their journey with God.

Impact

Through *SendTheFire.ca*, we have the privilege of listening to young people tell their stories. It is amazing how they share their hopes, dreams, feelings, frustrations and prayer requests with us. Here are some examples of how we are building a loving faith community online.

1. We heard the pain in a youth leader's heart for a teen who was getting into trouble at home, had an encounter with police



and went to juvenile detention.

2. We prayed for the health of a young person's mom who was hospitalized due to leg problems.

3. We shared the burden of a young adult who is trying to make it on her own but is also having a younger sister come live with her due to an unstable home environment. We saw the tears, felt the weight of her burden, shared the hope and encouraged her to hang on through it all.

4. We saw the unhealed scars of hurt as a young adult shared the frustration, confusion and pain that stem from conflicts with people in his church.

Online community will never replace face-to-face contact. However, in today's society, it's the way things are. We're embracing it and meeting young people online—where they already are—to show them love, compassion, support and encouragement.

For all the young people out there: Stay connected and keep fanning the flame. Remember, you are the fire! ☰

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Integrated Mission Toolbox

Tapping into people's natural strengths produces results for God's Kingdom

by Lt-Colonel Ray Moulton

Editor-in-Chief

Integrated Mission is a biblical approach to ministry that focuses on community participation. Instead of relying on "hand-outs" and imposed solutions that create dependence, Integrated Mission taps into the strengths and assets of people in the neighbourhood. It helps them solve their own concerns, achieve their own aspirations and build a sense of community. It's an approach that was used by Jesus himself.

Over the years, sets of skills and tools have been developed for this approach to ministry. For some of us, it takes time to catch on to the concepts involved, not because they are difficult, but rather because this has not been our typical way of relating to our neighbours and building God's Kingdom. The process may take longer than traditional service delivery, but it is far more effective and enduring. Here are a few tools that we can use to help us make the necessary shift to Integrated Mission:

Listening: If we are going to participate with people in our neighbourhoods, we need to hear them. We all know how to listen, right? Well, sometimes. Very often we are focused on what we want to say or what we think others are saying. Sometimes we simply don't take the time to listen beyond the opening greeting. To listen deeply, beyond the first words, beyond the opening request, to learn of deeper aspirations and dreams of people in the community takes time and energy. It can be draining to be present with others as they share and find understanding. But these days, with so many messages coming our way, it is rare to be heard and understood. It is a great gift to give someone the time to be heard. It is the beginning of giving hope, and opens the door to acceptance and change. To listen carefully is not costly to our budget, but it is a costly personal commitment.

Strategic Questions: The listening skills we develop and offer are critical. However,

to encourage people in our neighbourhoods to share and explore their issues on a deeper level, insightful questioning is needed. To ask a question based on what you have just heard validates your listening and encourages others to express themselves more fully. This interaction can develop into a trusting relationship that, over time, brings deeper understanding. Hopes and dreams are shared. Obstacles and hindrances to achieving potential are revealed.

Deeper issues in the

transition to ministry based on people's gifts and strengths, we must also discover where these assets are in the community. This exercise is a practical way to build relationships, confidence and opportunity. The "asset map" is best developed by interested community members as they walk around the neighbourhood and identify the strengths that they see. The map might include formal assets such as parks, libraries or schools; citizens' associations such as churches, co-ops or service clubs; and often "hidden" gifts of individuals such as the elderly, youth, labelled people, artists or natural leaders. Through this interaction, we discover strengths to build on and achievements to be celebrated. Together, we can begin the work of discovering solutions that will maximize people's potential and restore their hope.



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family and the neighbourhood are disclosed. This ongoing conversation may take a long time, but our care is expressed in our perseverance, and in our continuing efforts to come back, listen and explore with strategic questions. We cannot look for fast answers or simple solutions.

Asset Mapping: Many of our programs prepare "needs assessments" that provide a rationale for what we offer. If we are to

Community Conversations: Solutions and capacity in humans and communities are not substantially built except through participation. People with dreams to achieve need to be empowered for action and results. A community conversation (or series of conversations), perhaps over a simple meal or barbecue, can help explore issues, identify resources and clarify the direction that people wish to take collectively. Skilled facilitators can help ensure all voices are heard, and not just the most vocal. They also help to draw out consensus, establish an action plan and create teams of people with similar concerns. These meetings can be quite chaotic as divergent opinions and directions are expressed. Perseverance is necessary to see the process through and come to a mutual understanding and agreement on action.

It may be useful to remind ourselves that in the use of all these tools, the Spirit of God is at work. Look for it. His grace in the lives of all people—not just those within the church—is expressed in the listening, questioning, identifying of gifts and conversations that produce results. Matters of faith and acceptance are key to positive activity leading to change and transformation. §

by Ken Ramstead
Associate Editor, Faith & Friends

Heaven's

At The Salvation Army's Cascade Culinary Arts School in



Cascade students benefit from personal training by skilled instructors

Cascade Culinary Arts School in Abbotsford, B.C., is a cooking school with a difference. A class on de-boning chicken can just as easily be followed by a Friday-morning devotional, and prayer cards are as popular in class as the details of the day's menu assignment. Operated by the Army's Cascade Community Church, the school prepares future chefs as much for a life in faith as it does for a life in food.

"We provide our students with the skills they'll need to land a job in the industry," says Reg Burks, Cascade's executive chef and program director, "but we also try to provide them with the spiritual skills that will get them past that first week on the job."

Birth of a Notion

Cascade's beginnings can be traced to a simple conversation. While attending The Salvation Army church in Abbotsford, Burks, a 30-year veteran of the food-service industry both in Germany and in Canada, was approached by Gary Johnson, then the Army's community

gram. Soon after their proposal was approved, Cascade quickly blossomed into a full-fledged training program. Ten years later, in 2003, the school passed a grueling government certification course and became accredited with the B.C. government.

At Cascade, students can

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service director. The federal and provincial governments had approached Johnson to put a program together to help unemployed people re-enter the workforce. Johnson's idea was to use Burks' skills to anchor a chef-training pro-

take the full one-year course, which teaches the fundamentals of professional cooking. For those who only desire an upgrade of certain skills, three- and six-month modules are also available. Students can work toward their Level One

and Level Two Apprenticeship Training while holding down their day job by taking a 20-week session, one day a week. Cascade also helps students prepare for the coveted Red Seal chef test.

"With the Red Seal, you can get a job anywhere in the world," says Tammy Kliewer, currently a full-time student at Cascade. Her class of six stays together throughout the year, but they did not all begin at the same time. "It's a set course calendar, but anybody can join the program on any given Monday," explains Kliewer. "When I first started, my group was working on seafood, so now I am working my way around to that."

While this flexibility is one of Cascade's strong suits, the institution shines in its hands-on approach. "Smaller class sizes translate into more personalized training, and that makes a huge difference," says Burks, who in his career has worked in everything from fast-food establishments to posh French restaurants. "Class time occupies only an hour and a half a day. Over 80 percent of a student's time is spent in the kitchen."

Cascade's market studies indicated that a drawback of most cooking schools was a lack of practical training, where students graduated with fine theoretical knowledge but a distressing lack of practical experience. So when Cascade was created, the decision was made to attach a banquet hall to the institution. For all intents and purposes, Cascade is a fully functioning convention centre, with space for meetings and exhibits. "The students get practical culinary experience

Kitchen

Abbotsford, B.C., the secret ingredient is God

and learn to work under pressure and on deadline, exactly as if they were working full-time in the industry," states Rob Field, Cascade's assistant chef instructor. Despite a lack of advertising, the banquet hall is booked every day of the week. "It's all word of mouth," says a proud David Primrose, Cascade's business administrator and school principal.

All of this no doubt contributes to the fact that Cascade has a 90-percent placement rate, a figure any cooking school would envy, and over 350 students have graduated from the institution since its creation in 1993.

No Excess Baggage

But success at Cascade is measured by means other than graduation rates. "Spiritually, Cascade provides a healthy environment where people work together, are treated with dignity and respect, and face problems head-on instead of burying or ignoring them,"

states Burks.

"I try to get the students to leave their baggage behind and work with a fresh start," says Field, who has spent 25 years in the industry. He often makes that point literally to his class. "Once, I asked my students to think of the barriers that were preventing them from getting jobs. I asked them to bring an actual suitcase to class and told them to leave it outside the classroom door. It made them realize that they didn't have to bring in any emotional baggage to class."

"We're a cooking school first and foremost, so we're not really in a position where we can preach the gospel to them, but we can minister to our students in ways that are practical and don't always have to use words," says Burks. "We have our share of ministry chances and, of course, the biggest ones are those we don't see, but we do have opportunities. Students are with us for a year, and in a year a lot can happen



Most of the students' time is spent in the kitchen

to a person. We're always there to pray for them."

For Richard Papp, Cascade's spiritual element was a non-issue. "I made my decision to go to Cascade on their reputation as a culinary school," states Papp. But since he graduated, he has started to attend worship services at The Salvation Army regularly. "Cascade has been a good thing for me in other ways besides cooking."

"I didn't even know what a devotional was before I started going to Cascade," laughs Kliewer. "At first, I thought to myself, OK, what am I doing here? Now, it's something I look forward to."

"We are a seed-planting

ministry at Cascade," concludes Burks, "and often we do not see the seeds sprout until later. I had a student who came out of jail, a rough guy, and he fought us the whole time he was here." Burks recently received an e-mail from him. The former student is now a respected head chef at a lodge in the Arctic.

"He's a Christian and he's happy," continues Burks. "He told us that it was only now that he realized how we had changed his life for the better. That feedback tells us that we're on the right track and God is working through us." S



Chef instructors Rob Field and Reg Burks

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Take It Easy

Find time to enjoy being with your family and friends this summer

by Major Kathie Chiu

Corps Officer and Executive Director of The Caring Place Ministries, Mountain View Community Church, Maple Ridge, B.C.

As I sit back, head tilted, the breeze off the water caresses my face and neck. The momma birds, noisy with their usual activity, are finding goodies for their little ones and warning off any approaching predators. The sound of waves hits the shore. Another ferry has gone out. I smile at the memory of my husband and boys in a canoe struggling with those waves and panicking as they were pushed toward the shore.

Mmmm. My coffee tastes so much better when I'm relaxed and not gulping it down on the run. The door of the trailer bangs open and out come the boys. "Hey, Mom, we're riding our bikes to the beach. See you later!" they shout at me.

"Hey, watch Evan by the water, Nathan!" I shout back as they ride off to enjoy the morning. Oops! I forgot to feed them. Oh well, they'll come back when their tummies grumble.

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When my husband and I worked for an airline company, our vacations were filled with travel, sightseeing and visiting people we knew in faraway places. We'd get back and need a rest from our vacation!

These days are quite different. I sit and watch my husband while he mows grass, cleans the trailer, tinkers with stuff and, you know, does what guys like to do with, well, you know, stuff. (Actually, I don't really watch. I read, knit and play with the kids!)

Our lives are so busy during the year. Being corps officers is draining and time-consuming. Add to that Tae Kwon Do lessons, homework, school activities, work meetings, corps activities, school courses, family get-togethers—it's exhausting. If I don't take down time when I have the opportunity, I become very tired and begin to burn out.

Summertime is the best time of the year to relax, and it's even more impor-

tant to let your kids relax, too. Summer can be a great time for them to try out new activities. But don't go overboard and stress kids too much. It's often tempting to fill their days with activities—sports or music camps, day-camp trips, vacation Bible school. Why not just send them to a camp of their choice for two weeks, then let them have time off from scheduled activities as well?

Often what kids need most is simply the time to be just kids. Running around with

on Fridays—or take Fridays off. Not only does this add an extra day of leisure to your week, it gives you more opportunities to be with your kids. Many employers are realizing the benefits of having healthy, well-rested employees.

- Save your lieu days if possible and tack them on to your vacation or your weekends in the summer.
- Eat lighter fare—salads and cold meats are great on hot days and require less time in the kitchen. Barbecues are good too, and you can get your hubby to do the cooking that way.
- Send your kids outside more, so there's less cleaning to do. Spend that time relaxing.

There are lots of ways to unwind and spend time together. Sometimes, though, it's not finding time to rest—it's making time to rest. God desires us to be healthy and follow his ways. The Bible is filled with references to the rest he provides. What did Jesus say? "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:29-30).

Often what deprives us from rest is our frantic approach to life. But God's Word is clear on that as well. When Jesus said, "Don't worry," he meant it (see Matthew 6:25).

So take it easy this summer. Enjoy your family, enjoy your friends and especially enjoy some time for yourself. S

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their friends, riding their bikes, playing with their dolls and enjoying tea parties with their teddy bears—these are the lazy days of summer. Even the calls of "Mom, I'm bored" present an opportunity for them to develop their sense of creativity.

Some of you may not have the luxury of taking time off this summer. Yet there are still things you can do to add relaxation time to your routine.

- If your employer will allow it, work an extra hour each day and go home early

Things to do when your kids are suffering from the summer boredom blues:

- Craft box (filled with popsicle sticks, glue, pipe cleaners, construction paper, beads, paint, etc.)
- Board games
- Books
- Water fights
- A made-up play to perform for parents and friends
- Outdoor movie nights in the backyard under the stars



RECOGNITION AND ENROLMENT

New Commitments Made Across Territory

LISTOWEL, ONT.—Five senior soldiers and three junior soldiers are enrolled by Mjrs Bruce and Mildred Jennings, former COs. Front row, from left, Rachael King, James Homewood, Hannah Kitney. Back row, from left, Carrie Bath, Cameron Ketchabaw, Brenda Hodder, Marie Bath, Joan Welsh



SMITHS FALLS, ONT.—Tim and Tracey MacDougall are enrolled as adherents by Mjrs Brian and Sue Fuller, COs. Mjr Brian Fuller writes, "This is a couple who had no previous connection to the corps and have only been attending for a few months. They are both committed Christians and will be an asset to the work here"



TORONTO—JSS Donna Halsey stands with four new junior soldiers at Scarborough Citadel. Front row, from left, Philemon Heng, Dorcas Mumbana, Sarah Lalonde, David Moore



ST. JOHN'S, N.L.—New soldiers Janessa Mayo and Joshua Holloway display their Soldier's Covenants following their enrolment at St. John's Citadel. Also shown, from left, are RS Doris Wilcox; Cpt Julia Butler, assistant CO; Mjrs Wanda and Rene Loveless, former COs

NEWMARKET, ONT.—Five new soldiers and four adherents are welcomed at Northridge CC on Easter Sunday. A total of 23 individuals came to the platform to be recognized, including nine who had recently come to faith in Christ and 15 who had rededicated their lives to Christ



TORONTO—Five new soldiers and one adherent join the corps family at Scarborough Citadel. From left, Peck Ee Wong (Heng), Lynda Coxon, Leonard Heng, Yvonne Namasivayam, Niranjan Namasivayam, Lin Dai



CEDAR HILL, BERMUDA—New adherents are seen with Mjrs Ross and Brenda Bungay, COs. Front row, from left, Cullen Kehoe, Lillian Daniels, Marion Talbot, Lydia Joell



NORTH BAY, ONT.—Four adherents become part of the corps family. From left, Mjr Carletta Thornhill, CO; Brenda Lang; Barbara Leroux; Ginger St. Amand; Betty Wilson; CT Dorothy Sweet



CEDAR HILL, BERMUDA—Mjr Brenda Bungay, CO, enrolls Janice Smith and Phoebe Douglas as members of women's ministries



EDMONTON—Three new soldiers are enrolled at Edmonton Temple by Mjrs Larry and Lynda Farley, former COs, and Cpt Joy Smith, course instructor. Displaying their Soldier's Covenants, from left, are Jacob Skepple, Colin Williams and Jason Wombold

Faithful Ministry



Majors Fred and Winnie Randell retired July 1 from their appointment at Comfort Cove/Newstead, N.L. Commencing their ministry as envoys at Englee, N.L., in 1980, they served for 27 years as corps officers in various appointments throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, including Pilley's Island, Little Bay Islands, Chance Cove, Lethbridge and Fortune. They testify to God's goodness over the years and are thankful for his constant presence. Many souls were won for the Kingdom and many lives touched by their ministry. Fred and Winnie look forward to God's future guidance and direction on their lives and hope to have many years of retirement to spend with family and friends.

GAZETTE

INTERNATIONAL

Appointments/promotions

Comr M. Christine MacMillan, international director for social justice, IHQ; Comrs William/Marilyn Francis, TC and TPWM, Canada and Bermuda Tty; Comrs Roy/Arda Frans, TC and TPWM, Netherlands and Czech Republic Tty; Comrs Barry/Raemor Pobjie, IS and ZSWM, South Pacific and East Asia Zone, IHQ; Comrs Willem/Netty van der Harst, TC and TPWM, Eastern Europe Tty; Lt-Cols Keith/Beryl Burridge, CS and TSWM, Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Tty; Lt-Col Gillian Downer, under-secretary for program resources, IHQ; Lt-Cols Terry/Linda Griffin, CS and TSWM, U.S.A. Southern Tty; Lt-Cols David/Barbara Jeffrey, national CS and national secretary for women's ministries, U.S.A.; Lt-Cols Erling/Signe Helene Maeland, TC and TPWM, Denmark Tty, with rank of colonel; Lt-Cols Barry/Sue Swanson, IS and ZSWM, Americas and Caribbean Zone, IHQ, with rank of commissioner; Mjrs Clive/Marianne Adams, CS and TSWM, Norway, Iceland and the Faeroes Tty, with rank of lt-colonel; Mjrs Stephen/Rose Moriasi, GS and CSWM, Uganda Command; Mjr Massimo Paone (OC, Italy Command), the General's personal representative to the Vatican (additional responsibility); Mjrs Godfrey/Diane Payne, OC and CPWM, Malawi Command; Mjrs Moses/Sarah Wandulu, OC and CPWM, Uganda Command

TERRITORIAL

Promotions to major

Cpts David/Wavey Chaulk

Long service—25 years

Mjrs Rocky Bishop, Florence Borgela, Dennis/Gillian Brown, Linda Budgell, David Carey, Tonilea Cartmell, Robin Cuff, Mark/Lynn Cummings, Bryan/Sharon Hayward, Wilson/Linda Janes, Wayne/Sharon McDonough, Linda McNutt, Rick/Drucella Pollard, Doug/Brenda Smith, Beverley Woodland

Accepted for Training

Claude and Anne-Marie Dagenais

Sherbrooke CC, Quebec & Northern Ttys Div

Since our enrolment as soldiers in 1996, we have been committed to serve God through our church and community. There were many obstacles between our desire to serve and our acceptance for training. But God has been with us and, 11 years later, our commitment to serve through The Salvation Army is as strong as ever. As we prepare to move to Winnipeg with our young family, we know that if we give the best of ourselves, God will help us discover new inner resources and provide for our needs beyond all expectations.



Rebecca Pretty, Trinity Bay South, N.L. E Div

In 2004, while working at a Salvation Army camp in North Carolina, U.S.A., God spoke to me. Throughout the summer the desire to do God's work became deeply planted in my heart as I sensed his call to full-time ministry. As I enter the Witnesses for Christ Session, I pray that I will be a true witness for him and help others to "fix [their] eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2 NIV). I look forward to the many adventures God has in store for me in the years to come.

Long service—30 years

Mjrs Judith Barrow, Debra Beaupre, Marilyn Bridger, Sharon Cooper, Carson/Audrey Durdle, Garland Foote, Barry/Christine Gray, Larry/Marlene Jones, Ted/Ruth Kimmins, Shirley King, Cavell Loveless, Marie Osborne, Holly Patterson, Brian Peddle, Barbara Penney, Bert/Kathie Sharp, Roland Shea, Neil/Lynda Watt

Long service—35 years

Mjrs Harold/Christine Aitkenhead, Bill/Winn Blackman, Betty Boyde, George Evans, Robert/Ruby Froude, Doris Jarvis, Doug/Betty Ann Lewis, John/Gail Norton

Long service—40 years

Lt-Cols Ray/Marilyn Moulton, Mjrs Doreen Canning, Robert/Shirley Ratcliff

Long service—45 years

Lt-Col Ann Copple, Mjr Glenda Mac Kenzie

Appointments

Cpt Laura Jenkins, CO/CFS officer, Kirkland Lake CC, Ont. N Div (designation change only); Mjr Dale Lewis, assistant to the executive director, Centre of Hope, London, Ont. GL Div; Cpt Brenda Murray, social services consultant for development of hospice care, Ont. CE Div; Mjr Sharon Rowsell, CO/program assistant, Hope Acres Rehabilitation Centre/CC, Glencairn, Ont. N. Div (designation change only); Cpt David Warford, associate CO, Moose Jaw, Sask., Prairie Div

Reinforcement personnel

Mjrs Bruce/Mildred Jennings, Traverse City, Mich., U.S.A. Central Tty; John McAlister, literary secretary, Zimbabwe Tty

International College for Officers

Mjr Roy Snow (Jul 11-Sep 3)

Retirements

Mjr Madeleine Beaulac, out of Mission Francophone de la Rive Sud, Que. Last appointment: Bathurst CC, N.B., Maritime Div; Mjrs Harold/Marion Bungay, out of Grand Bank, N.L. Last appointment: exec dir and associate exec dir, St. John's Downtown Core Ministries, N.L. E Div; Mjr Robin Cuff, out of Bonavista, N.L. Last

appointment: exec dir, Grace Haven, Hamilton, Ont. GL Div; Mjrs Fred/Winnie Randell, out of Birch Bay, N.L. Last appointment: Comfort Cove/Newstead, N.L. W Div; Mjr Ernie Reid, out of Guelph, Ont., and Mjr Sandra Reid, out of North Toronto Citadel, Ont. Last appointment, Kitchener CC, Ont. GL Div

Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Brg Mae Ellsworth, from St. John's, N.L., Apr 25; Mrs Lt-Col Margaret Rea, from Vancouver, May 4; Mjr Malcolm Webster, from Toronto, May 10; Mjr James Pardy, from Conception Bay South, N.L., May 14

CALENDAR

Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis

Jul 12 welcome and installation, Jackson's Point, Ont.

Colonels Glen and Eleanor Shepherd

Jul 12 welcome and installation of new territorial leaders, Jackson's Point, Ont.

General and Mrs. Bramwell H. Tillsley (Rtd)

Jul 27-Aug 5 Old Orchard Beach, Maine, U.S.A. Eastern Tty

Canadian Staff Band

Jul 12 welcome and installation of new territorial leaders, Jackson's Point, Ont.

Guide to Abbreviations: CC – community church; CFS – community and family services; CO – corps officer; CPWM – command president of women's ministries; CSWM – command secretary for women's ministries; CS – chief secretary; GS – general secretary; IS – international secretary; OC – officer commanding; TC – territorial commander; TPWM – territorial president of women's ministries; TSWM – territorial secretary for women's ministries; ZSWM – zonal secretary for women's ministries; Divisions: N.L. E – Newfoundland and Labrador East; N.L. W – Newfoundland and Labrador West; Ont. CE – Ontario Central-East; Ont. GL – Ontario Great Lakes; Ont. N – Ontario North

Recognition of Service

NORTH BAY, ONT.—Pauline Loranger is honoured for 10 years of faithful service as a Salvation Army employee. Making the presentation are Mjr Carletta Thornhill, CO, and Tammy Serran, thrift store manager



Volunteer Appreciation

SMITHS FALLS, ONT.—During its second annual Volunteer Appreciation Night, Smiths Falls CC honoured 185 people who had volunteered throughout the year in various capacities such as the thrift store, family services office or on Christmas kettles. From left, Mjr Brian Fuller, CO; Michael Maidment, PR director, former Ont. E Div; Mayor Dennis Staples; Jim Daniels, advisory board chair; Mjr Sue Fuller, CO



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TRIBUTE



ST. MARYS, ONT.—Born in Lakeside, Ont., in 1917, **Effie Skipper (nee Kittmer)** discovered personal faith in Christ after marrying Leslie Skipper, a Salvationist from St. Marys. Effie had an outstanding impact on her community. She organized the Red Shield residential canvass for years and held monthly women's meetings entitled "Ladies' Night Out" that attracted many from outside the corps. She also picked up neighbourhood children and drove them to Sunday school, where she taught their class. Over the years Effie also led the home league and community care ministries. She was known as a dignified woman who lived her faith and found practical ways to care for others. Effie is survived by sons Major Denis (Faye), Robert and Brian (Wilma); six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

ST. JOHN'S, N.L.—Born to officer parents in Garnish, N.L., in 1926, **C. Bruce Winsor** joined the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and was among the first Canadian troops deployed to Korea in 1950. In 1953, he married Ina Bonnell, with whom he shared life until her death in 1986. A man of deep conviction, Bruce maintained a consistent Christian witness throughout his employment with the provincial department of education, as well as his involvement in the Canadian militia (reserves) and the Korea Veterans Association. An active soldier of St. John's Temple, he served as a bandsman and songster and was a member of ACSAL (the Auxiliary Council of Salvation Army Laymen). He also devoted 22 years as YPSM, CS and CSM and derived great joy from his membership in the Gideons. In 1989, Bruce married Major Gladys Hicks, who predeceased him in 2005. He is missed by his daughter, Major Gail Winsor; brother, Byron (Wavey); brother-in-law Edsel (Anthea) Bonnell; Judy (David) Power; Linda (Chris) Beadle; Barbara Hicks and Russell Hicks; five step-grandchildren and many others whose lives he touched.



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July 1-5

Focus on Canada

- 1 Thank God for Canada and pray for wisdom for our government leaders
- 2 Pray for the needs of our aboriginal communities
- 3 Thank God for our diversity. Pray that newcomers to Canada will feel welcomed, accepted and find gainful employment, and that our congregations will be welcoming and supportive
- 4 Pray for those who are at risk in our communities and for inspiration to be part of the solution in meeting their needs
- 5 Thank God for the freedoms we have in Canada and for those serving in our armed forces and their families

July 6-12

Living the Vision: We envision an Army with a thirst for healing

- 6 Acknowledge that Jesus is the Saviour not only of our souls, but also of our bodies, minds and spirits
- 7 Pray that we will love our neighbours and build healthy relationships with those around us
- 8 Pray for those who are conquering addiction, helplessness and pain

- 9 Pray that those in distress will find the peace of Christ
- 10 Pray for those who give leadership to the territory's wholeness and healing program
- 11 Pray for someone you know who is in need of wholeness and healing
- 12 Thank God for meeting us at our point of need and journeying with us

July 13-19

Focus on Newfoundland and Labrador West Division

- 13 Pray for friendship and evangelism efforts in Springdale
- 14 Pray that Salvationists will experience a holiness revival as the division focuses on holiness unwrapped in our everyday life
- 15 Pray for Grand Falls-Windsor Corps as it moves forward with a new mission board model. Also pray for new converts
- 16 Pray for a smooth transition into circuit ministry for Horwood and Birch Bay
- 17 Pray for the Barnabas ministry at Corner Brook Citadel
- 18 Pray for the divisional music camp that takes place this month
- 19 Pray that revival fires will ignite members of Little Bay Islands Corps and that unbelievers will be attracted to the flame

July 20-26

Focus on Camping Ministry

- 20 Pray that children in urban centres will have the opportunity to appreciate God's creation through a camping ministry
- 21 Pray that going to camp will give young people an awareness of their value in God's eyes
- 22 Pray that camp counsellors will be sensitive to children's spiritual needs
- 23 Pray that many campers will understand God's love for them
- 24 Pray for leaders who are planning camp programs
- 25 Pray that campers will be a positive influence for Christ when they return home
- 26 Pray for corps youth workers as they follow up and make connections with campers and their families

July 27-31

Focus on Summertime Blessings

- 27 As you gather with loved ones during the summer months, thank God for family and friends
- 28 Thank God for summer vacation and time to be rejuvenated in body, mind and spirit
- 29 Pray for the safety and protection of travellers on holiday
- 30 Thank God for the seasons and for the beauty of summertime
- 31 Put prayer into action by doing something today to improve the environment

Resources

Sounds of the Seasons

Chicago Staff Band

This unique recording features guest artists Steven Mead, euphonium, and Rudolph Zuiderveld, organ. Selections include Leslie Condon's *A Mighty Fortress*, Kenneth Downie's *Princethorpe Variations*, *Locomotion* by Norman Bearcroft and the *Finale* from Saint-Saëns' *Organ Symphony*. **\$25.95**



Tribute to Norman Bearcroft

International Staff Band, International Staff Songsters, Household Troops Band, Hendon Band

A compilation of music by Lt-Colonel Norman Bearcroft to celebrate his 80th birthday. Featuring *The Better World*, *Bournemouth Centennial*, *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*, *High Fidelity*, *Lord With My All I Part*, *Reflections*, *Song of Exultation*, *The Well is Deep*, *The Word of Grace*, *Wreath of Courage*. **\$29.95**



Celestial Morn

Mississauga Temple Band

Originally recorded in 1989, this album has been re-released on CD as a tribute to the band's founding and longtime bandleader, Arthur Dean, who was promoted to Glory earlier this year. An interesting mix of solos, marches and selections sure to please listeners of all ages. **\$20**



The King's Singers

The Quiet Heart, Choral Essays Volume One

A unique recording of Salvation Army repertoire from this renowned British male sextet. Selections include *All For Thee*, *Christ's Part*, *The Christian Mission*, *Even Me*, *God's Moment*, *Grant Us Thy Peace*, *The Greatest of These*, *He Leadeth Me*, *His Provision*, *Jesus Answers Prayer*, *Is It Nothing to You?* and more. **\$29.95**



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Breathing New Life Into Dry Bones

The key to discipleship lies in our willingness to follow the example of Christ and be a living sacrifice

by Major Kevin Metcalf

Territorial Secretary for Music and Gospel Arts, THQ Corps Ministries

According to Ezekiel's vision of the dry bones (see Ezekiel 37:1-14), God is able to raise up a vast, healthy, ready army any time he wants to. The current identity crisis in some corners of our Army might suggest that now would be an excellent time for the breath of God to revive our old, tired bones.

This kind of resurrection will not be achieved by more songbook songs or more contemporary worship songs. It won't matter whether we wear tunics and ties, Salvo t-shirts or armybarmy gear. And more guitars or cornets won't make a difference either.

None of these things are as important as some people would like to make them. They are the bones. They are not the breath. And these are not the things that define us. We are defined by our 11 doctrines—our articles of faith—and these are clear. There shouldn't be any Salvation Army identity crisis. We know exactly who we are. We are the people who believe that "continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ" (Doctrine 9). This goes for all of us. It is "the privilege of all believers" to be holy (see Doctrine 10).

Holiness is not an option for us to consider. It is not an alternative lifestyle reserved for the really keen Salvationists. Our own theological heritage shouts out to us, "There's full salvation (discipleship and holiness) or there's no salvation at all."

William Booth was a hardcore Wesleyan. In naming us The Salvation Army, he had something more in mind than just getting people saved. We are all about people moving on to maturity. This is reflected in his song, *O Boundless Salvation*.

The Salvation Army is a holiness Movement, but these days we tend to talk more about discipleship than holiness. No problem. Discipleship is holiness. And real Salvationism is discipleship. Real Salvationism is a life of radical obedience to Jesus.

So maybe it's not new theology, or



new spirituality, or new worship styles, or new music and songs, or new liturgy and sacraments that the Army needs. Maybe it's discipleship. Maybe it's obedience. Maybe discipleship is what we don't have enough of in the Army. Maybe that is why we have this nagging feeling that it's time for a change.

Yet discipleship is the only valid sort of Christianity there is. We're Wesleyans. We know there is only one salvation and that is full salvation. We know we are all called to holiness. We know we are all called to discipleship—an obedience to Christ that is counter-cultural, not materialistic, and passionate about people. That puts Christ at the centre of our lives.

This is not the holiness/discipleship we always see. As Salvationists, we sometimes tend to get distracted, failing to keep the main thing the main thing. We are often dominated by the television—and, sadly, live broken lives that are remarkably similar to those portrayed on the shows we watch. We don't have the time or energy to take Jesus to the world because all day long we're glued to a computer screen. We don't hear God speaking to our hearts because our senses are ceaselessly bombarded by

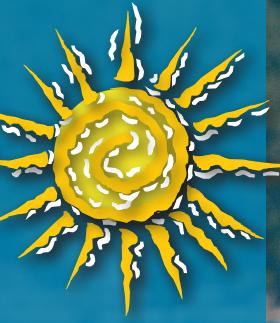
external noises. Our mind-numbing world of shifting values has many of us in its grip. Our postmodern society would have us passively accept the status quo of no sense of right and wrong, no direction, no absolutes.

Often we have no idea what it means to deny ourselves and take up our crosses and follow Jesus. This spiritual confusion is neither holiness nor discipleship and is simply not good enough for the Army. We're not going to survive on the efforts of half-hearted soldiers. True Salvationism requires a commitment to discipleship, to a life of radical obedience.

We have no right to discuss the will of God theologically if we are not living the will of God obediently. The current tide of worship sweeping through the evangelical church may sometimes divert us from the main thing, yet in the Bible God says that he gets tired of our worship when we fail him in holiness.

God wants more justice, not more songs. He wants more broken-hearted spiritual maturity, not more sacrifices. According to Romans 12:1, true worship is discipleship—being like Jesus—being a "living sacrifice." S

Fun in the Sun



That's what Salvation Army summer camps for kids are all about. Our camps are places of fun, laughter and learning for many children who would not otherwise get a chance to enjoy a vacation. Each year at these camps thousands of kids enjoy sports, swimming, games and singing around the campfire as they learn the values of friendship and caring.

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